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Reverend Hugh's normal working days in the parish are Sundays plus Fridays and Saturdays. Outside these days, please contact a churchwarden. For all enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals please contact a Churchwarden

For inclusion on our parish prayer list, please contact the newsletter editor, or a churchwarden.

If you have items for the next Newsletter, please email to Patsy by 12noon Thursday [witsend50pat@gmail.com](mailto:witsend50pat@gmail.com).

For up-to-date information and calendar please visit the Church Website:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst/> If you have a Facebook account, please follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchhurst/>

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

If you would like to visit the church outside of services, please contact Jenny or Steve for access

We continue to  
**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**  
that the negotiations for a lasting peace may be successful.

We continue to pray for the people of the Holy Land that the God of all justice and peace will hear us as we cry out in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land, and we pray that the ceasefire agreement may hold, enabling people to return to their homes, the release of hostages and the provision of aid and food.

### Welcome to the Parish of St Nicholas, Hurst



8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Second Sunday before Lent TODAY'S WORSHIP

**11am Parish Communion**, led by Revd Hugh with Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

**The organist at today's Service** Keith Dukes.  
Voluntary in G by Henry Heron (d1795)

#### Readings:

Romans 8:18-25 (Jo Penney)

Matthew 17: 6,25-end (Rev Hugh)

#### Hymns:

810 Thou whose almighty word

416 Glory to God

537 For the beauty of the earth

27 Colours of day

546 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

#### Collect (or special prayer) for today

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

(or) \*\*

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

#### Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## UPCOMING SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS:

### February

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Next before Lent**

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh  
With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

#### **18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

6.30pm Parish Communion with Imposition of Ashes, led by Rev Hugh

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> First Sunday of Lent**

9am Said Prayer Book Communion led by Rev Hugh  
11am Messy Church led by The Messy Team

### March

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Lent 2**

11am Parish Communion with Baptism led by Rev Hugh  
With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Lent 3**

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh  
With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Lent 4 Mothering Sunday**

11am Parish Communion with Baptism led by Rev Hugh  
With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> Lent 5 Passion Sunday**

9am Prayer Book Communion led by Rev Hugh  
11am Messy Church led by The Messy Team

#### **29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh  
With Discovery Zone for Children in school year 3+

**Prayers:** We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing including: Brenda, David, Em, Jan and David, Philip, Patsy, Shirley, John, and Derek.  
We also pray for all who care for them.

**We also remember** those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including: Ted White, Elizabeth King, Beatrice Venables, Elizabeth Cresswell, Nora Hosking, Robin Ingram, James Pilgrim, Ethel White, baby William Leach, Elma Mitchell, Keith Belshaw and Gareth Howell

**We also remember** The Reverend Sandy Dutton who passed away on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for her sons Timothy and Neal their families and friends. Sandy was a leader on worship at St Michael's Easthampstead, then became a Lay Reader (LLM). She followed a call to Ordination, and together with her late husband Patrick, they gave up all they possessed to follow her Vocation. Trained at Cuddesdon College. She served In Rochester (Kent) three joined parishes in Stoke on Trent where she became Team Rector, and in a combined benefice in Norfolk. She was innovative in music, liturgical dance and Drama, and found ways to literally take the Gospel out into the streets.

The Reverend David Webster who passed away on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. David was a non-stipendiary minister in the parish for a few Years. The funeral will be on 13<sup>th</sup> February at St. Nicolas Church, Earley at 10.45 followed by Cremation at Reading at 12.15pm.

### **This Week's Diary**

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Morning Prayer**

<https://zoom.us/j/91759590557?pwd=cy9TejJLQ09zOXVxSVRZZDZrcK1iZz09>

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Pay Back Team

### **Stamps and Milk Bottle Tops**

Don't forget we are still collecting used postage stamps (in aid of Mercy Ships), and Milk Bottle Tops (in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance). Please leave items in the containers on the Bread Tomb at the back of church.

### **Come and See - Lent Course**

Please join us at The Vicarage, Sawpit Road for a 5-week Lent Course. This Lent discover Jesus through the Eucharist. Explore the profound meal at the heart of Christian life - whether you are new to Christianity or have been coming to church for years.

Starting on Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm for 5 weeks finishing on Thursday 26th March.

Please contact [hughsnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:hughsnicholas@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Fairtrade Easter Eggs**

Please see Mary Langdown if you wish to purchase a Fairtrade Easter Egg this year. Look out for the poster in the porch.

### **Alexander Devine**

Rosemary will be knitting rabbits for the charity again this year. She would appreciate any donations of crème eggs to go with them.